



County Corner

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Flathead County Plat Room/Surveyor's Office

Flathead County Plat Room/Surveyor's Office is a department within the realm of the Clerk & Recorder's Office and is located on the ground floor of the historical courthouse building at 800 South Main Street. The department is presided over by a dedicated and helpful staff committed to providing top-notch service and accurate record-keeping, as well as offering more specialized services to such diverse entities as surveyors, title companies, appraisers and attorneys.

Some of the duties include approving all documents to be recorded in the Clerk & Recorder's Office, as well as



Back Row, left to right: Theresa Surynt, Julie Scott, Norma Good, Karen Yerian
Front Row, left to right: Diane Jones, Sheena Wolfe, Nancy Christenson, Vicki Gallo, Lucie Foster

Flathead County Plat Room/Surveyor's Office Administrator VICKI GALLO



Vicki has worked in the Plat Room/Surveyor's Office for 33 years and for the past 12 years has been the Office Administrator. Born and raised in Whitefish and continues to reside there. Vicki has seen many changes in the Plat Room/Surveyor's Office over the years as well as in the Valley. She has two terrific adult sons Tom & Mike.

survey and plat review. In addition, the office maintains all ownership and land records for Flathead County's tax base, and also historical ownership records. Large tract books have recorded land ownership dating back to the late 1800's. Flathead County separated from Missoula County March 1, 1883. This is no mean task, as Flathead County contains 5,137 square miles and 3,313,280 acres of land. Since the creation of Flathead County in 1883 until April 2007 there has been 4,156 Plats and 17,658 surveys recorded.

With the rapid growth and development in the Valley, great demands have been put on this office as well as all other services. Over the last 3 years the following has been recorded and entered into the land base:

1,881 Surveys

836 Plats

32,173 Documents

conveying and affecting ownership

The office is also responsible for mailing address changes for tax purposes. Taxpayers are reminded to notify the Plat Room/Surveyor's Office when they have a change of address. The department is very involved in reviewing exemptions used on surveys to divide land, such as family transfers, boundary adjustment, etc. The review of surveys and plats includes several steps which culminate in the creation or deletion of land parcels for taxation purposes.

The Plat Room/Surveyor's Office is staffed by Vicki Gallo Office Administrator, Karen Yerian, Lucie Foster, Diane Jones, Sheena Wolfe, Nancy Christenson, Norma Good, Theresa Surynt and Julie Scott. You may contact the Plat Room/Surveyor's Office at 758-5510. Information can also be obtained at <http://www.co.flathead.mt.us/> land in addition to the Flathead County GIS website.

"We provide responsive and accountable services to protect and enhance the Flathead community."

— County Commissioners: Dale Lauman, Gary Hall & Joe Brenneman